

ARTICLES

to be inquired of by

*the Church wardens and Sidemen of
euerie parish within the Diocesse of Can-
terburie, wherunto by vertue of their othes
they are to make answers, severally
to euerie Article.*

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I



Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, foure times (at the least) in a peere, teach, open, manifest and declare, in his or their sermons, and other collations, and lectures, that all vsurped, & forraine power is for most iust causes taken away and abolished ?

II

Whether is there any within your parish, that hath affirmed, or doth affirme, that the forme of Gods worship in the Church of England, established by law, and contained in the booke of common Praier, and Administration of Sacraments, is a corrupt, superstitious, or vnlawfull worship, or containeth any thing in it that is repugnant to the scriptures, and what be their names, and sur-names that haue so affirmed, or do so affirme ?

III

Whether is there any within your Parish, that haue, or doe affirme, that the Rites, and Ceremonies of the Church of England by law established, are wicked, Antichristian, or Superstitious, or such as being commanded by lawfull Authority, men who are zealous

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lously, and godly affected, may not with any good conscience, approue them, vse them, or as occasion requireth subscribe vnto them, and who they bee?

IIII

Whether is there any within your parish, minister, or other person, that doth affirme that Conuenticles are lawfull, that is, that there are within this realme other meetings, assemblies, or congregations of the Kings bozne Subiects, then such as by the lawes of this Land are held, or allowed, which may rightly challenge to themselves the name of true, and lawfull Churches, or that doe affirme that it is lawfull for any sort of ministers, and Lay persons, or any of them to come together, and make rules, orders, or constitutions in causes Ecclesiasticall, without the Kings authority, & shal submit themselves to be ruled & gouerned by them, & who they be that so do affirm?

V

Whether is there a common fame in your parish, that your Parson, or Vicar hath obtained his Benefice by Simony, or any other vnlawfull meanes?

VI

Whether common praier bee said, or sung in your Church or chappell vpon Sundayes, and Holidayes at conuenient houres, in such order as is prescribed in the booke of common Praier, without either diminishing in regard of preaching, or any other respect, or adding any thing in the manner and forme thereof?

VII

Whether doth your minister vpon Wednesdayes
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and fridaies not beeing Holidais, reade in your Church or chappell publikely the Letany, and other praers appointed in the said booke for those daies, and whether doth he reade the Communion against sinners as it is there prescribed ?

VIII

Whether the holy Sacraments be duely administered as by the booke of common praier is required, and whether the holy Communion bee administered by your minister to any but to such as kneele ?

IX

Whether in the administration of Baptisme, your minister signeth the children with the signe of the crosse vpon the foreheads, according to the booke of common praier ?

X

Whether haue all persons within your parish of sufficient age, viz. of sixteene yeeres of age and upward received the holy Communion thrice in the last yeere, and namely at Easter last for once ?

XI

Whether hath your minister admitted to the receiuing of the holy Communion any open, and notorious sinner, or malicious person that is notoriously knowne, to be out of charity without due reconciliati-
on ?

XII

Whether hath your minister reiected any from the Communion, who is not by publique fame or by presentment of the Churchwardens detected for a notorious fornicator, adulterer, or other wicked liuer, by whom publike offence is giuen ?

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XIII

Whether hath your Minister admitted any to the receiuing of the holy Communion that are common, and notozious Deprauers of the booke of common Praier, and administration of the Sacraments, and of the orders, rites, & ceremonies therein prescribed?

XIII

Whether hath your Minister admitted any to the holy Communion that are not of his owne parish?

XV

Whether hath your Minister admitted any person to be Godfather or Godmother to any childe, before the same person so vndertaking hath receiued the holy Communion?

XVI

Whether your Minister being beneficed, & allowed a Preacher and residing on his benefice doe in his owne Cure or in some other Church or Chappell neere adioining (where no Preacher is) preach one Sermon euery Sunday of the yeere?

XVII

Whether your Minister being beneficed and not allowed a Preacher, doe procure Sermons to be preached in his Cure once in euery month at the least, by lawfully licensed Preachers, and whether on such daies as there is no preaching, hee doe reade one of the Homilies prescribed or to bee prescribed by authority?

XVIII

Whether your Minister hath two Benefices, & if hee hath whether both hee maintaine a licensed Prea-

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Preacher in the benefice where hee doth not reside,
or doth he himselfe preach usually at them both :

XIX

Whether the Curate of your Parish (if you haue
any) be licensed from the Bishop, or Ordinary of the
place, and whether doth he serue any moze then one
Church or Chappell in one day :

XX

Whether your Minister being not a licensed Prea-
cher, doe take vpon him to expound in his own Cure
or elsewhere, any Scripture or matter of Doctrine :

XXI

Whether hath any man Preached within your
Church or Chappell that hath not shewed his license
to Preach, and whether haue you taken the names
of all such as haue Preached in your Church or
Chappell, and noted them in a booke, and whether
haue the same Preachers subscribed their names to
the same note so taken, together with the day when
they Preached, and the name of the Bishop of whom
they obtained license to Preach :

XXII

Whether any Preacher in your Parish Church
particularly, or namely of purpose, haue impugned, or
confuted any former Doctrines there before deliue-
red, or in any other Church neere adioining, whereby
vpon such publike dissenting & contradictting there
hath or might grow offence, and disquietnesse vnto
the people :

XXIII

Whether your Minister before his Sermons,
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Lectures, or Homilies doe obserue the order of praying set forth and commanded in the five & fiftie Constitution of the Canons treated and agreed vpon in Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and three :

XXIII

Whether there be any person within your Parish, that doth refuse to haue his childe baptised by a Minister, that is no Preacher, and to receiue the holy Communion at his hands in that respect, or in the same foresaid respect doth leaue his owne parish Church, or cause his childe or children to be baptised in other parishes abroad, and what be their names that haue offended therein :

XXV

Whether your Minister in reading publike prayer and administration of the Sacraments, or other rites of the Church, doe weare the Surplisse, & being a Graduate doth weare vpon his surplisse such a hooke as by order of the Vniuersitie is agreeable to his degree :

XXVI

Whether doth your minister vpon every Sunday & holiday befoze euening praier halfe an houre at the least, examine and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of his parish in the ten Commandements, the articles of the beliefe, and in the Lords praier, & heare and instruct them in the catechisme set forth in the booke of common praier :

XXVII

Whether do the masters and mistresses of families within your parish, cause their children, seruants, & appren-

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apprentices, which haue not learned the Catechisme to come to the Church at the time appointed, & who they see which being sent, wilfully refuse to come obediently to heare and to be ordered by the minister :

XXVIIII

Whether haue any beene married in your parish Church or chappell, not hauing obtained a faculty or license thereunto, except the banes of matrimony haue beene thre times seuerall Sundaies or hollydaies first published, and whether haue any beene married in your Church or chappell, vnder the age of one and twenty yeares, to which said marriage the consent of parents or gouernours hath not beene first obtained and made knowne to the minister that married them :

XXIX

Whether doth your minister visit the sicke, to instruct and comfort them being called in their distresse, and whether vpon the death of any your parishioners there be ringing any more then one short peale, and one other before the buriall, and one other after the buriall :

XXX

Whether hath your minister refused or delaied to christen any child according to the forme of the booke of common praier, that is brought vnto him vpon sundaies or hollydaies, or to bury any corpes brought to the Church or churchyard, conuenient warning being giuen him thereof before, in such manner and

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fozme as is prescribed in the said booke of common
prayer, and how often he hath so offended herein :

XXXI

Whether any doe keepe their childe oz children unbaptised longer then is conuenient, vnieste it be for sicknesse of the childe oz other vrgent occasion :

XXXII

Whether your minister hauing beene duely informed of the weakenesse and danger of death of any infant unbaptised in his parish, and thereupon desired to go oz come to the place where the said infant remaineth to baptise the same, haue wilfully refused, oz of grosse negligence deferred, so as any such infant by his default haue died unbaptised :

XXXIII

Whether haue you a parchment booke for the registring of all christnings, weddings, and burials, and whether is the same booke safe y kept in a cofer with three lockes and keies, one remaining with the minister, and the other two with the Churchwardens seuerally, and whether vpon every sabbath day, immediately after morning oz evening prayer, the minister and Churchwardens doe write and record in the said booke the names of all persons christened, married and buried in the weeke befoze, and the day and yeare of every such christning, marriage, and buriall, and whether haue you transmitted vnto the Ordinary a true copie of the names of all persons christened, married, and buried in your said parish, in this last yeare ended on the five and twenty day of March last past :

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XXXIII

Whether haue you in your Church or chappell a booke of Canons of the last Parliament, in the peere one thousand six hundred and three, and whether hath your minister read all the same Canons publicly in your Church or chappell, once this last peere?

XXXV

Whether hath your minister preached or administered the Sacraments of the bodie and blood of our Sauour Christ in any priuate house, except it be in times of necessitie, to such as are so impotent as they cannot goe to the Church, or dangerously sicke, and desire to be partakers of that holy Sacrament?

XXXVI

Whether doth your minister vsually weare a gown with a standing collar, with sleeves strait at the hands, or with wide sleeves, and being a Graduate, a hooke or tippet of silke or sarknet, and a square cap, or being no Graduate, doth weare the like apparell, the tippet onely excepted, and whether doth he vsually weare in iorneying a cloake with sleeves, commonly called a Priestes cloake, without gards or welts, or long buttons, or cutts, and whether doth he weare any other then a night cap of blacke silke, satin or veluet?

XXXVII

Whether doth your minister at any time, other then for his honest necessitie, resort to any cauetous or alehouses, or doth he boord or lodge in any such place, or doth he giue himselfe to any base or seruile laboꝝ,

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oz to drinking, oz riot, spending his time idly by day oz by night, playing at dice, cards oz tables oz any other vnlawfull games :

XXXVIII

Whether haue you any Schoolemaster in your parish that teacheth either in publike schoole oz priuate house, being not allowed by the Ordinary vnder his hand and seale, and whether hee is of sober and honest conuersation :

XXXIX

Whether doth your Schoolemaster teach and instruct his schollers in the larger oz shorter catechisme by publike authority set forth, and bring his schollers to prayers and sermons on holiedaies and festiuall daies, and whether doth hee teach the Grammar set forth by King Henry the eight, and continued in the time of King Edward the sixt, and Queene Elizabeth of noble memory, and none other.

XL

Whether any in your parish doe practise Physicke oz Chirurgery, and what be their names :

XLI

Whether haue you in your Church oz chappell a font of stone, and whether is the same set in the vsuall place, and whether be all your bells vnbroken, and whether any of them be lately sold oz unbeseled away.

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XLII

Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell the booke of common praier lately explained by his Maiesties authoritie, and whether haue you a Bible of the largest volume, and booke of homilies allowed by authoritie?

XLIII

Whether is your Communion table kept, repaired in seemely maner, couered in time of diuine seruice, with a carpet of silke or other decent stuffe, and with a faire linnen cloth at the tyme of Administration?

XLIII

Whether haue you the ten Commandements set vpon the east end of your Church or chappell where the people may best see and reade the same, and whether haue you a conuenient seate for your Minister to read seruice in?

XLV

Whether hath there growne in your parish any contention betweene any of the parishioners touching the placing or displacing of any in any seate or pue in the Church, and whether there hath beene any pew builded of late in your Church or chappell without the expresse leaue and consent of the Ordinary of the Diocesse, and by whom hath the same beene built?

XLVI

Whether haue you a decent Pulpit placed conueniently in your Church or chappell, and there seemely kept for the preaching of Gods word?

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XLVII

Whether haue you in your Church a strong chest with a hole in the upper part thereof, with 3 locks and keyes provided for the almes given to the poore, and whether are the same keyes kept, one with your Vicar, Parson or Curate, and the other two with the Churchwardens severally?

XLVIII

Whether is your Church or chappell and chancel well and sufficiently repaired and maintained, the windowes well glazed, the floores well paved and kept cleanly and seemely, as becommeth the house of God, and whether is your Parsonage or Vicaridge house kept well repaired?

XLIX

Whether is your Churchyard well and sufficiently repaired, fenced and maintained with walles, rales or pales, as hath bene accustomed?

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Whether are there any that haue heretofore bin denounced & yet stand excommunicate, that doe resort to your Church or chappel to here deuine seruice, and who they be?

LI

Whether haue you in your Parish any disordered persons, that haue quarelled, fought or brawled in your Church or chappell, or Churchyard, and what be their names?

LII

Whether haue you any plaies, feasts & banquets, suppers, Churchales, drinkings, temporall Courts, leetes,

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leetes, lay Iuries, musters, or any other prophane
vlage kept in your Church or chappell, or Church-
yard, or haue any superstitious ringing of bells up-
on holidais or Feues :

LIII

Whether haue you Churchwardens of the last
yeere giuen by a iust account before the minister and
parishioners, of such money as they haue receiued, &
how particularly they haue bestowed the same, and
whether if any money remained in their hands vpon
the same their accounts, haue they deliuered ouer
the same vnto you the next Church wardens by bill
indented :

LIIII

Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell a
Table of degrees of Mariages forbidden, set forth
by authoritie in the yeere of our Lord God one thou-
sand six hundred three score and three, and whether
is the same Table hanged in a conuenient place in
your said Church or chappell :

LV

Whether any persons haue beene married (within
your Church or chappell, or in other places, and now
dwell in your said parish) within degrees forbidden in
the Table aforesaid, or that being Diuorced or Se-
parated for the same, do yet notwithstanding cohabit
and keepe company still together, and what they bee :

LVI

Whether haue you in your Parish any persons
that being Married within those degrees forbidden
haue vlawfully forsaken their Wives, or Husbands
and

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and married others, and who they be?

LVII

Whether haue any in your said Parish offended their brethren by Adultery, Whoredome, Incest, or Drunkennesse, or by Blasphemie, Swearing, Ribaldrie, Usury, or any other vncleannesse, & wickednes of life, & who they be that haue offended, & with whom? And whether hath your Minister admitted any such offenders to the holy Communion befoze they are reformed?

LVIII

Whether haue you any in your Parish which be commonly noted to be Malicious, Contentious, Uncharitable persons, Raylers, Scolders or sowers of Discord betweene Neighbours, and especially Raylers against Ministers, and their Marriages, and what be their names?

LIX

Whether do you know any within your Parish or els where that is a hinderer of the word of God to be read or sincerely Preached, or a fauor of any blurped or forraigne power, or defender of Popish and erroneous Doctrine, and what be their names?

LX

Whether are there any in your Parish which be haue themselues rudely, or disorderly in the Church, or which by vntimely ringing of Bells, by walking, Talking, or otherwise shall hinder or disturbe the Minister or Preacher.

LXI

Whether haue you a comely Pulpit cloth or Cushion

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on of Silke or such like instead thereof, a Communion Cup of Silver, and a comely large Surplisse with wide sleeves for your Minister to weare :

LXII

Whether there be any Preaching, reading of Lectures, expounding of the Scriptures, Catechising, or other like exercises in private places, or families, or administering of either of the Sacraments, whereto others not of the same family doe resort, and what they be that maintaine such meetings, and who resort to their houses :

LXIII

Whether there be any in your parish that are noted, knowne, or suspected, to conceale or keepe hidden any Massebookes, Portesses, Brewaries, or other Bookes of Popery, and superstition, or any Chalice, Copes, or other Vestments, or ornaments of Superstition, vncancelled and vndefaced, which is to be coniectured they keepe for a day as they call it. And who they be :

LXIII

Whether your Parson or Vicar be resident vpon his Benefice, and keepe Hospitality, or no, and if he may dispend twenty pound or aboue by the yeere, and be not resident, whether doth hee distribute the forty part of that Benefice where hee is not resident vpon the poore of the Parish :

LXV

Whether the people of your Parish doe diligently resort to your Parish Church and Chappell on the Holidaies, and especially on the Sundaies to morning

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ning and Evening praier, and then there abide orderly, and soberly during the time of common praier, Homilies, Preachings, and other Service of God there bled, and who they be that offend herein?

LXVI

Whether there be in your Parish any Popish or Sectuary recusant, which for any cause whatsoever forbear to come to Church to common Praier, or to heare Gods word preached, and what their name or names are, and how long they haue bene recusants?

LXVII

Whether the forfeiture of twelue pence for euery absence from common Praier hath bene leuied and taken, according to a Statute made in the first yeere of the Reigne of late Queene Elizabeth, of euery person that hath offended, and namely of Minstrels, and others that vpon the Sundaes and Holidaes goe to other parishes to play or dance, and to other vaine pastimes: And how hath the same forfeitures bene bestowed?

LXVIII

Whether be there any in your Parish, or resorting thereunto which be suspected to be Massing Priests, Reconcilers, Jesuits, Seminaries, or any other persons which haue receiued any Orders or Authority from the Romish Church, and what be their names, and who entertaine them?

LXIX

Whether there bee any that haue married two Wives or two Husbands both liuing, or that liue not together with their Wives, or that haue made secret

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secret Contracts and liue as Man and wife which haue beene secretly married out of the Parishes where they dwell, and who they be ?

LXX

Whether any persons in your parish being diuorced or seperated a sunder, haue married againe, the former diuorced husband or wife being not first dead, or haue you in your Parish any married couples that liue not together, but slanderously liue apart ?

LXXI

Whether your Minister haue Churched any vnmarrried woman that hath been deliuered of a Child vnlawfully begotten, before she haue acknowledged her fault openly according to the Order inioined her by the Ordinary or his Deputy ?

LXXII

Whether doe you euery yeere in Rogation weeke walke the Preambulation of the Circuite of your Parish, and especially at such places in your said Circuite as are in any controuersie : And if this be not obserued in whom the fault resteth ?

LXXIII

Whether there be any married woman or others within your parishes which after childbirth refuse or contemne to come to Church to giue God thanks for their deliuey according to the booke of comon praier

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Whether there be any Inkeepers, Alewives, Victuallers, or Tipplers, that suffer or doe admit any person or persons in their houses, to eate, drinke, or play at Cards, or any vnlawfull games, in the time

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of common praier, or Sermon on the Sundaies,
or Holie daies : And who they be that suffer and ad-
mit them, and what they be that so are suffered and
admitted :

LXXV

Whether there are any shops kept open in the time
of diuine Seruice or Sermons on Holidaies, but e-
specially whether doe any sell any wares on the Sa-
bath daies, or Butchers, Bakers, and Brewers, sell
flesh, carry out bread, or serue in beere on the Sabbath
daies, and what be their names that so offend and vi-
olate the same daies :

LXXVI

Whether if any faire fall on the Sabbath day
there be any shewing of Waies at all that day, but
especially befoze Seruice done in the forenoone of
the same day :

LXXVII

Whether there be any man or woman within your
parish, that vseth witchcraft, Sorcery, or vnlawfull
praies, Inuocations, Inchantments, or Charms
vpon any Christian body, or Beast, or any resorteth
to any such for help, and who they be :

LXXVIII

Whether any haue lately departed your Parish
hauiug left behinde them a scandall of some crime
committed, or which by common fame are reputed
to haue liued in Adultery, Fornication, or Inconti-
nencie while they were of your parish, and who they
bee, and where they now liue, and who harboureth
them, or any other in your parish that is suspected to
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haue liued incontinently?

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Whether any of late are come into your parish from some other parish or parishes which by common fame are reputed and taken to haue liued in Adulterie, fornication, or any other uncleannesse before they came into your said parish?

LXXX

Whether your Churchwardens of the last yeere haue sold any Church goods, and what they haue so sold, and how the same hath beene emploied?

LXXXI

Whether are there any within your Parish that haue suppressed the wills of any dying within your parish, or other places, that withhold any Legacies giuen to the poore, or from Orphans, or giuen to any godly vles, and who they be?

LXXXII

Whether doe the Ouerseers of your poore duely see that the Money collected to the vse of your poore be well imploied where most neede is according to the lawes: And whether doe any refuse to pay their Sesses to the vse of the poore?

LXXXIII

Whether any notozious Recusant who obstinately refuseth to be partaker with the Church of England in publike praier and hearing of the word of God preached, who is for his disobedience and contempt Excommunicate and dieth Excommunicate, be buried in Christian Buriall not hauing before his death sought to be absolved?

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Whether there be any Enormities against these Articles or any part thereof that haue not ben presented by you or the Churchwardens & Sidemen that haue bene before you, or which being heretofore presented haue not hitherto bene called vpon, and Corrected, and if there bee any such, you are now to present the same :

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